

## Please Read This Update - We Are Moving!!!

"For a wide door for effective service has opened to [us], and there are many adversaries . . . Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men [be mature], be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." (1 Cor 16:9, 13-14, nasb)



We have some really exciting news to share with you! We hope you will take the time to read this update as it contains very important information about our life and ministry in Zambia!

### A NEW DIRECTION

Last summer, we sent out a letter sharing with you how we felt the Lord leading in relation to our future ministry in Zambia. At the time, we didn't sense any new direction in ministry, but we felt certain that God wanted us to remain in Zambia. Well, recently, through a lot of prayer and doors that only He could open, we have sensed that He is calling us to a new location (still in Zambia) and a new area of ministry. Specifically, we will be moving to Chikankata, Zambia, and will be involved in a ministry that focuses more on evangelism, leadership training, church planting and development.

### CHIKANKATA & CHIEFTAINESS MWENDA

Chikankata is a rural area of Southern Zambia where we have been doing quarterly outreach using the Jesus Film. The area's Tribal Chief, Chieftainess Mwenda, has invited us to come and work in her kingdom on a full-time basis. She is a Christian believer who is responsible for the well being of nearly 20,000 families (100,000 people). Her kingdom has little to no evangelical churches and many have never had the opportunity to hear of or experience a relationship with Jesus. She wants the spiritual strongholds that are prevalent in her kingdom destroyed and her people reached with the Gospel of Christ. She is inviting us to help her in this work. She has even freely gifted us 75-100 acres of land for the purpose of developing a ministry centre to assist in this endeavor!



### WE WILL NOT BE ALONE IN THIS WORK

The Lord has not called us alone in this move. Another family will be joining us in Chikankata to help carry out this new ministry. Luke and Elise Whitfield and their children, Macie, Emma, Payton, Chi Chi and Tazi, are very dear friends in Zambia and a family with whom we have worked closely over the



past 3 years with Action International. In fact, our relationship with the Whitfields started many years ago when Luke and Brent met on a summer mission trip to Kenya. Luke and Brent's giftings complement each other very well and we're very excited that the Lord is leading us both to pursue this new work.

### THE MINISTRY

The work that we will be involved in will be more pioneering in nature. We will be taking the gospel, via the Jesus Film, into villages who haven't had exposure in 40 - 50 years. We will be ministering in areas where witchcraft and animism are very prevalent and where it is very common for people to consult witch doctors and use charms to ward off evil spirits. We will also be going into communities that live in abject poverty, where HIV/AIDS still affects nearly 20% of the population, and where children die every day from preventable illnesses. Our desire is to see people set free from the bondage of sin and death through the person and power of Jesus. We want to see Zambian leaders raised up who will continue to reach and disciple their own people. We also seek to equip many with the skills and knowledge to help develop their communities to provide things such as clean drinking water and sustainable, profitable farming ventures. The name that we have given this ministry in Chikankata is **Eleeo Project**. Eleeo is the greek word that means "to show mercy."

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## ACTION ZAMBIA / ACTION INTERNATIONAL

We are so thankful for our last 3 years of ministry with Action International, specifically Action Zambia Ministries. We have been blessed to have worked with people who love Jesus and have such a passion for making Him great and the gospel deep and strong in Zambia. We fully support and will continue to pray for the work that they are doing in Zambia, but with this new call, we do feel that it is time to step out of ministry with ACTION. In December, we shared our thoughts with the elders of our home church and they agreed. Please hear us when we say that this move is not at all negative in nature. We simply feel like God is calling us to a people and place where Action Zambia Ministries' philosophy and approach is not the best fit. Because of this, we are resigning from Action International Ministries and will be returning to Zambia under a different sending agency,



## COMMISSION TO EVERY NATION (CTEN)

CTEN is an inter-denominational missionary sending agency based out of Kerrville, Texas. It was established nearly 17 years ago and has been responsible for sending over 450 missionaries to over 50 countries. They have a strong reputation for their transparency & management of finances and are committed to the care and encouragement of their missionaries. In addition to these strengths, they offer two distinct advantages:

1. **Flexibility:** CTEN is a servant organization which helps missionaries, with accountability from the sending church and care from their own pastoral care team, to fulfill the unique vision God has given them. This will give us flexibility in ministry, which we see as critical as we venture into Chikankata.
2. **Reduced Administrative Costs:** The switch to CTEN will reduce our administrative burden by 7-10%. This means more of your donations actually going toward ministry in Zambia.

All this to say, we are very excited about this transition to Commission to Every Nation!

Check them out for yourself at: [www.cten.org](http://www.cten.org)

## WHAT'S NEXT?

In order for this move to happen, we have several ends to tie up and things to accomplish. Here is our tentative schedule over the next several months:

- April 7th, Brent will return to Zambia to move our home into storage, help ACTION complete their yearly financial audit and transition some of his other responsibilities to other missionaries.
- June 14-16, Brent and Kerri attend CTEN's Orientation in Kerrville, TX.
- June - November, we begin meeting with individual ministry partners and raising support for the additional setup costs (i.e. generator, inverter, battery backups, etc.) associated with our move.
- October 15th, Brent and Luke will attend two weeks of training with Equip Ministries in North Carolina to learn how to hand-drill water wells.
- November 30th, the Roberts return and settle into their home in Chikankata.
- January 2012, the Whitfields return and settle into their home in Chikankata.
- Middle of January 2012, Ministry in Chikankata, Zambia begins!!!



## PLEASE BE PATIENT WITH US

We are extremely excited about how the Lord is moving, but, at the same time, we are still trying to work through some of the logistics. Please be patient with us as we take the appropriate steps to begin this new work in Zambia. **If you are supporting us financially through Action International Ministries please continue to do so.** We will be in touch with each of our financial partners to discuss all the details of switching support over to CTEN.

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## QUESTIONS?

We know you probably have a lot of questions. Our desire is to answer them accurately and with the most detail possible! On **June 26th, 2011 at 7:00 pm**, shortly after Brent returns from a 2-month trip to Zambia, we will be hosting a gathering at our home church (Columbia Crossroads Church – St. Andrews Campus). We want the opportunity to share with you about our move to Chikankata, Zambia, and the ministry going forward. We will provide dessert and coffee, show a brief video, and then have a time for questions and answers. Our hope is to share all that God has done to call us in this new direction as well as to answer any questions that you might have concerning our new ministry in Chikankata. We will send out an official invitation as the date approaches!

In the meantime, if you have any questions / concerns please feel free to contact us at the following email addresses: **RobertsinZambia@gmail.com** or **Krosings@gmail.com**. You can also reach us by phone at **803-348-8603**.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please be in prayer for us in the following ways:

- Our time on furlough. Pray that we will be spiritually and physically renewed.
- Our move to Chikankata. Pray that things will go smoothly as we move our home, transition ministry responsibilities, etc.
- Pray for Kerri and the children during April & May as Brent will be in Zambia.
- Our Christian Walks. Pray that we will continue to grow in our love for Jesus and others.
- The Spirit's Leading. Pray that we will continually be attentive to the Spirit's leading as He prepares us to go once again into a new place and to a new people.

## THANK YOU

Thank you so much for standing behind us in ministry. We cannot express just how grateful we are for your partnership in our ministry in Zambia.